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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3536

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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USUN NEW YORK 1786

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OTRA PFOR MOPS US XC JA

SUBJ: POW/MIA'S - TRAVEL BY YOUTH GROUP

REF: STATE 131515

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GROUP ARRIVED AND DEPARTED TOKYO AS SCHEDULED (REFTEL). STAY IN TOKYO WAS QUITE SHORT, MAINLY SERVING AS A REST STOP FOR RETURN HOME. MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE TIRED AND ANXIOUS FOR RETURN, BUT STILL IN FINE SPIRITS.

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2. WHILE IN TOKYO, GROUP MADE CONCERTED EFFORT TO ATTRACT

MEDIA ATTENTION. INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICAN MEDIA INCLUDED VOICE OF AMERICA, STARS AND STRIPES AND UPI. ON THE LOCAL LEVEL, JAPAN TIMES AND MAINICHI DAILY NEWS PRINTED ARTICLES DESCRIBING GROUP.

3. NO GOJ OFFICIALS WERE APPROACHED FOR INTERVIEWS. EMBASSY WAS NOT ASKED TO MAKE ANY EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

4. BEGIN LOU. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GROUP, EMBOFF LEARNED OF TWO THINGS BOTHERING THEM. ONE WAS ROYAL LAOTIAN COLONEL'S ASSERTION THAT 80 PERCENT OF 600 MIA'S IN LAOS ARE ALIVE. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE HIM SINCE HE ADMITS HE CANNOT BACK UP HIS FIGURES. HOWEVER, THEY WONDER. FURTHERMORE, MOST UPSETTING WAS A LIST SHOWN TO THEM BY EMBOFF IN EITHER SAIGON OR VIENTIANE (THEY REFUSED TO BE PINNED DOWN) OF MEN LISTED AS MIA/BNR. MANY ON BNR LIST, THEY FEEL, BELONG ON MIA. THAT LIST WOULD REALLY CAUSE TROUBLE IN US, THEY STATE. END LOU.

5. BEGIN UNCLASS. THE GROUP SENDS THANKS TO ALL EMBOFFS ALONG THEIR ITINERARY FOR THEIR HELP. SPECIAL THANKS TO AMBASSADORS WHITEHOUSE AND KINTNER FOR THEIR TIME.
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